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Digital Villages
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(a) the number of villages targeted to be included in the Digital Village project in 2017-18;
(b) the amount provided for implementation of digital villages in Health, Education and Skill Development for the year 2017-18;
(c) the details of facilities to be made available in such digital villages; and
(d) the time by which the work on setting up of digital villages is likely to take off?

Answer

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has envisaged a Pilot Project of Digital Village (DigiGaon) to be implemented in 1050 Gram Panchayats (GPs) spread across 30 States/UTs. The approved outlay for implementation of the project for financial year 2017-18 is Rs. 12.95 Cr under telemedicine, Rs. 38.99 Cr under Tele-education and Rs. 30.47 Cr under Skill development.

(c) and (d): The Pilot Project of Digital Village has been approved with a total outlay of Rs. 423.26 crore for a period of 3 years involving 6 months of implementation period & 2.5 years of operation & maintenance/ service delivery phase post - implementation. This project intends to provide a platform for availability of services namely tele-education, tele-medicine, LED Street Lighting & Wi-Fi Hotspot and skill development to the citizens at the Gram Panchayats across various States/UTs.

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